ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES FISHERY UPDATE



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JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #13

The department conducted an aerial survey of Tenakee Inlet and Seymour Canal today. Survey conditions were fair with overcast skies, southerly winds 15 to 25 knots, and some fog. In Tenakee Inlet, 36 sea lions and 2 whales were observed. One large raft of sea lions was near Crab Bay and another smaller one near Kadashan. The whales were well off shore. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

In Seymour Canal, 47 sea lions and 4 whales were observed, with the majority of predators between Sorethumb Cove and #9 Rock. No herring or herring spawn was observed. An industry vessel on the grounds reported seeing a school in shallower water yesterday, but was unable to obtain a sample.

The next aerial survey of Seymour Canal is planned for Sunday, May 5.

2013 Seymour Canal Survey Summary

April 15	No herring activity, 60 sea lions.
April 17	No herring activity, 68 sea lions.
April 19	No herring activity, 63 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 21	No herring activity, 104 sea lions, 2 whales.
April 23	No herring activity, 67 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 25	No herring activity, 54 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 27	No herring activity, 93 sea lions, 6 whales.
April 29	No herring activity, 108 sea lions, 2 whales.
April 30	No herring activity, 77 sea lions, 5 whales.
May 2	One very small school of herring, no herring spawn, 147 sea lions, 3 whales.
May 3	No herring activity, 101 sea lions, 6 whales.
May 4	No herring activity, 47 sea lions, 4 whales.

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